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America Celebrates the Work of Probation Professionals Across the Country July 13-19, 2008

Lincoln – During the week of July 13, 2008, people across the United States and its territories join together to recognize the work that probation professionals have been involved in since 1841.

During a special ceremony at the state capitol last week, Governor Dave Heineman signed a proclamation that lauded the work of probation and parole staff in their responsibilities for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community while upholding the law with dignity and recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity. Probation officials organized the ceremony under the direction of State Probation Administrator, Ellen Fabian Brokofsky. Parole Administrator Cathy Gibson-Beltz, attended the ceremony representing corrections officials and parole officers; State Court Administrator Janice Walker attended on behalf of court administrators and judges.

The 2008 ceremony also marks the 50th anniversary of the statewide Probation system in Nebraska.

In proclaiming the week of July 13, 2008, as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officer's week in Nebraska, Governor Heineman acknowledged the successful work of probation and parole officers in Nebraska highlighting the necessary partnerships with community agencies and groups to promote prevention, intervention and advocacy on behalf of probationers and parolees.

During the ceremony, Brokofsky began her portion of the presentation saying, "This year Probation celebrates 50 years of service to our Courts, and our citizens of this great state. Under the structure of the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation has faithfully worked to not only improve the safety of all Nebraskans but moreover to assist all juvenile and adult offenders to become productive citizens."

Asking probation staff and supporters in the East Chamber audience to stand for recognition by the group she continued, "Today and every day I honor the dedicated service of all Nebraska Probation staff and appreciate our highly collaborative relationship with the Office of Community Corrections, the Community Corrections Council, the Departments of Correctional Services, and Health and Human Services and the Office of Parole Administration."

Probation professionals make lasting changes in each local community through assisting both juvenile and adult offenders in becoming productive members of society. Nebraska Probation has begun to achieve this through individualized approaches focused on the specific needs and risk level of each offender. Through providing this unique intervention, Nebraska Probation has been able to impact community safety for the better.

Members of the community are encouraged to join together during this celebratory week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live.

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